

It appears that Pappas Telecasting Companies plan to donate \$325,000 to air partizan materials prior to the upcoming election, apparently donating to Republican candidates in certain areas. Pappas has apparently said others may purchase additional airtime to air alternate views.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Any partizan material is not "news" in my view. Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Partisan programs should not be broadcast except with a clear notice that they are editorial or opinion. Such broadcasts should also be a paid broadcasts and, I believe carry an offer to air contrary views free of charge.

Pappas' actions show
why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them.